

# The Bee's Special Sunday Sport Pages

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All the Latest Sport News  
All the Time

## WAR SETS HEAVY HAND ON SPORTS DURING THE YEAR

Few New Records Set, While "Who's Who" is Made Up of the Many Who Answered Nation's Call.

War, now our own war, set its heavy hand on sports in the year tottering to its end. Glancing backward, then, one feels moved to emphasize the parts sports played in doing their "bit" rather than in recounting the accomplishments which in happier times were the natural substance of any review.

No "who's who" in sports can be published this year, for the reason that it would require two full pages and perhaps more to list the names of those who answered the nation's call in the grimmest game ever played.

This list would contain the names of a big majority of the leading athletes in one field or another who in other years have made sporting history. This honor roll would contain the names of those who were prominent in foot ball, base ball, golf, lawn tennis, rowing, yachting and all other branches. Even boxing has sent a few.

### How Different Now.

How different it all is from a year ago when in glancing back over a twelve-month, which was rich in really great accomplishments, one felt called upon to write: "Great was the year 1916 in sports. Great in the deeper sense and involving wide participation, serious consideration and important consequences."

Even then strife and bloodshed were numbing the nations of Europe. But this country was looking on from afar and sports thrived and waxed fat.

The year 1917, however, was as anemic as 1916 was buxant and round. Sports were maintained for purposes of distraction and physical preparedness rather than for purposes of championship competition.

### Same Champions.

Titles in golf and lawn tennis did not pass, with an exception here and there. The few national fixtures conducted were run as patriotic tournaments. Thus Chick Evans still wears the double crown in golf through winning the amateur and open championships in 1916. Thus Miss Alexa Stirling still holds the national golfing title among women. Thus R. Norris Williams 2d is still the lawn tennis champion of the United States.

Rowing, both club and college, was practically eliminated. No other sport suffered such a stunning blow because of the war. Yachting also was all but wiped off the state. The yachtsmen were among the first to feel the pressure and responded by turning over the larger boats to the government for such use as could be made.

College base ball and amateur base ball too was cut in half, while the minor leagues suffered a disastrous season from all reports and are now hanging on the ragged edge. Major league base ball, however, more than held its own and, all things considered, commanded far more support than was indicated early in the season.

### Racing Prospers.

Racing also enjoyed a prosperous year and this applies to the trotters and pacers as well as to the thoroughbreds. There was a reason for this. Every encouragement was given and extra efforts made to stimulate through racing the breeding industry—the economic value of which is now being appreciated more than ever before by the government because of the scarcity of horses suitable for cavalry, artillery and remount purposes.

Boxing had an unhappy year for reasons apart from the war. Governor Whitman brought about the repeal of the Frawley law and boxing in New York, while legal and, is reeling and dizzy from a knockout blow. Incidentally the sport has suffered in the minds of many, because so few of the fighting men showed any inclination to do any real fighting. Many are doing their bit by serving as instructors at the various army camps, but mighty few have enlisted.

### More Foot Ball.

More college foot ball was played than ever before, for the reason that the game spread like wildfire at the various army camps and naval stations. In tactics, in strategy, in physical contact it more closely resembles the grim war game than any other sport and for that reason it was widely encouraged. The season, however, lacked the usual glamor, because of the fact that Yale, Harvard and Princeton did not put varsity teams on the field and because the eleven of the United States Military academy at West Point and the United States naval academy at Annapolis, Md., did not clash in yearly combat.

Track and field athletics were contracted in the outdoor season, and few of the really classic records were approached, much less beaten. The inter-collegiate championships were dropped, but the national championships were held in St. Louis and attracted far less interest than heretofore. Overton and Ray set indoor records, however, which may be lasting.

As to championships in general, little need be said here. They can be found in the more detailed reviews of the leading sports which follow.

It may be suggested, however, that more and more in the last few years men and women have been turning to sports—some for the exercise involved, some for the love of competition and some for pure recreation. This trend is almost sure to continue, even with the approach of what looks like a darker year, for sports now are proving their value as never before as a body builder for the nation.

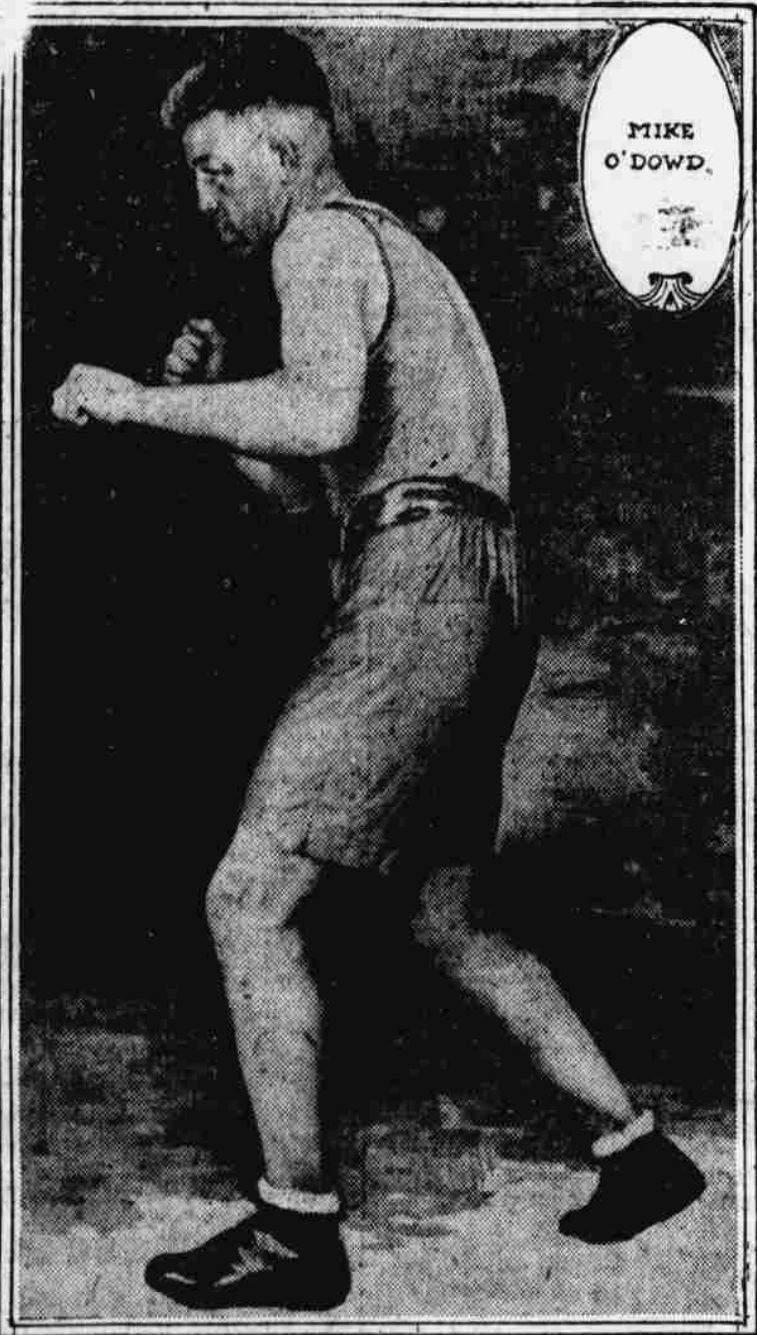
## Athletes Who Won Championships in Their Respective Sports



JESS WILLARD



CHARLES LARSON



MIKE O'DOWD



EDDIE ROUSCH



TY COBB

## TOLL OF DEATH THINS RANKS OF ALL ATHLETICS

Frank Gotch, Bob Fitzsimmons, Les Darcy and Many Others Summoned by Grim Reaper During Year.

Just a thought for the men prominent in sports who passed away in the year now drifting out. The list reached much bigger proportions than usual.

Of the 40 more prominent only four died in service. Natural causes were responsible for the other deaths.

David Bispham, jr., A. T. Humphreys, jr., Major B. B. Lewis and "Soldier Johnny" Shaw, were the four who came to their end after answering the call to the nation.

The three first named were gentlemen jockeys, while Shaw was a boxer.

Thoroughbred Racing.

Racing, in truth, was the biggest sufferer. The sport lost such earnest workers and loyal supporters as Schuyler L. Parsons, Philip J. Dwyer and Oscar Lewisohn. In addition to the three famous jockeys already mentioned, John Huggins, the famous trainer, and Arthur Redfern and Joe McCahey, two of the leading jockeys of their day, answered the last call during the year just closing. Andrew Welch, harness racing veteran and owner, died in February. J. Arthur James, another famous race horse owner, died in London. Knap McCarthy, veteran race driver, was another.

### Boxing.

Boxing also was a heavy sufferer in the loss of Charley White, famed as a referee; Bob Fitzsimmons, one of the greatest fighters of all times; Les Darcy, who was climbing fast to great heights, when his untimely death came after unfortunate experiences in this country; Dick Roche, one of the biggest plunders of his day and the backer of John L. Sullivan and manager of Jack Dempsey; Bob Vernon, well known as a stakeholder; Al Baker, the man who killed Luther McCarthy and was himself shot and killed by his father; Jim Barry, who was shot in Panama; Willie Lucas, lightweight boxer, and "Soldier Johnny" Shaw.

### Base Ball.

Base ball will miss many men who were closely identified with the game and who ever worked to elevate the standard—W. C. Temple, who really originated the world's series by offering the Temple cup a number of years ago and former president of the Pittsburgh club; Tim Murnane, dean of all base ball writers; William G. Weart, Philadelphia base ball scribe and secretary of the Base Ball Writers' association; Eddie Doherty, who used to pitch for the Giants and Pirates; T. H. Stuckney, former president of the Louisville National league club; William Sudhof, former major league pitcher; A. C. Buckenberger, formerly manager of the Pittsburgh team and later its president; William A. (Tony) James, veteran base ball catcher; Cy Alberts, another veteran of minor league fame, and Steve Brady, once captain of the famous Metropolitans of New York.

### Tennis and Golf.

Dr. James Dwight, called the father of lawn tennis, was the chief loss to this sport. Robert Powell, former tennis champion of British Columbia, was killed in France. Hundreds of golfers mourn the death of Willie Smith, open champion of the United States in 1899 and counted as the most graceful player in the professional ranks.

### Track Athletics.

Track and field athletics did not escape either. Evert Jansen Wendell of Harvard was the friend of all boys. He devoted his life to philanthropic work, and amateur athletics was his hobby. He was the first American college athlete to run 100 yards in 10 seconds flat.

### Wrestling.

Wrestling lost two great champions, Joe Acton, formerly champion (Continued on Page Nine, Column Six.)

## Champions in the Field of Sport in 1917

AUTOMOBILING.	
Ralph De Palma.	
BASE BALL.	
Batting—Ty Cobb, American league; Eddie Rousch, National league.	
Pitching—Eddie Cicotte.	
World's Championship—Chicago White Sox.	
Pennant Winners—Major leagues: American, Chicago; National, New York.	
Class A—International, Toronto; American Association, Indianapolis; Pacific Coast, San Francisco.	
Class B—Southern Association, Atlanta; Western, Des Moines.	
Class C—New York State, Wilkes-Barre; Eastern, New Haven; Central, Grand Rapids; North Western, Great Falls; Texas, Dallas; Three-I, Peoria.	
Class C—South Atlantic, Columbia; Virginia, Newport News.	
Class D—Blue Ridge, Hagerston; Central Association, Marshalltown; Central Texas, Ennis; Dixie, Moultrie; Georgia-Alabama, Anniston; North Carolina, Durham; Western Association, McAllister.	

### BASKET BALL.

Illinois Athletic club.  
Balk Line—Willie Hoppe.  
Three Cushion—Alfred De Oro.  
Pocket Billiards—Frank Tuberski.

### BOXING.

Heavyweight—Jess Willard.  
Light Heavyweight—Billy Mike.  
Middleweight—Mike O'Dowd.  
Welterweight—Ted Lewis.  
Lightweight—Benny Leonard.  
Featherweight—Johnny Kilbane.  
Bantamweight—Pete Herman.  
Flyweight—Jimmy Wilde.

### FOOT BALL.

Team	Won.	Lost.	Tied.	P. C.
Georgia Tech.	9	0	0	1,000
Pittsburgh	10	0	0	1,000
Williams	7	0	1	1,000
Stevens	5	0	2	1,000
Syracuse	5	1	0	880
Sutgers	7	1	0	875
Army	7	1	0	875
Navv	7	1	0	875
Georgetown	7	1	0	875
Pennsylvania	9	2	0	810
Hamilton	4	1	0	800
Brown	7	2	0	778
Fordham	7	2	0	778

Swarthmore	4	3	0	750
Bowdoin	3	1	0	750
Wash. & Jeff.	3	0	0	700
West Virginia	6	3	1	667
Lehigh	6	3	0	667
Culgate	4	2	0	667
Dartmouth	5	2	0	625
Tufts	3	2	0	600
Wesleyan	3	2	0	600
Boston	3	2	0	600
Amherst	4	3	0	571
Maine	2	1	0	500
Holy Cross	3	1	0	500
Rates	1	2	0	500
Springfield	3	3	1	500
Penn State	4	3	0	444
Haverford	3	2	0	429
R. P. I.	3	4	0	429
N. Y. U.	2	3	0	400
Columbia	3	2	0	400
Cornell	3	5	0	375
Lafayette	3	5	0	375
Union	4	1	0	333
Carleton	2	4	0	333
Colby	0	4	2	000
Hobart	0	6	0	000

### GOLF.

Only three championship golf tournaments were played in 1917 and none under the direction of the national body, because of the war. Those played were as follows:

Western Amateur—Francis Gulmet.  
Open—C. A. (Chick) Evans.  
Women's Metropolitan—Mrs. W. A. Gavin.  
The national titles went over for a year and consequently are still held by those who won in 1916, as follows:

Amateur—C. A. (Chick) Evans.  
Open—C. A. (Chick) Evans.  
Women's—Miss Alexa Stirling.

### HOCKEY.

Amateur—Boston A. A.  
Intercollegiate—Dartmouth.  
Pacific Coast—Seattle Metropolitans.  
Canadian—Montreal.

### HORSE RACING.

2-year-old colts—Sam Brar.  
2-year-old fillies—Rosie O'Grady.  
3-year-old colts—Omar Khayyam.  
3-year-old fillies—San Benet.  
Older horses—Old Rosebud.  
Jumpers—St. Charles.  
Sprinters—Duke Kahanamoku.  
Middle distances—Norman Ross.  
Marathon—Joseph Gunther.  
Women's, sprinting—Dorothy Burn.  
Women's, middle distance—Claire Gailigan.  
Women's, long distance—Lucy Freeman.

### SWIMMING.

200-yard dash, A. E. Ward.  
440-yard dash, F. Shea.  
880-yard dash, M. Devaney.  
1,760-yard dash, J. W. Ray.  
3,520-yard dash, H. F. Loomis.  
7,040-yard dash, P. Ryan.  
14,080-yard dash, P. Ryan.  
28,160-yard dash, P. Ryan.

### TRAP SHOOTING.

Amateur, Singles—Mark Arie of Thomahoro, Ill.  
Professional, Singles—Homer Clark of Alton, Ill.  
Amateur, Doubles—Clarence B. Platt of Bridgeton, N. J.  
Open, Doubles—William Ridley of What Cheer, N. J.  
Amateur, 200 Targets—Charles B. Newcomb of Philadelphia, Pa.  
All-round, Open—Bart Lewis of Auburn, Ill.  
All-around, Amateur—Mark Arie of Thomahoro, Ill.  
Eighteen Yards—Ered Tomlin of Pennsylvania, N. J.  
Western—M. H. McDaniel of Durant, Okl.  
U. S. S. Navy—F. Williams of U. S. S. Solace.  
Intercollegiate, Team—Princeton.  
Intercollegiate, Individual—C. V. Caesar, Princeton.  
Grand American—C. H. Larson of Wapaca, Wis., 98 from 30 yards.  
Eastern—R. Noble of Hartford, Conn., 97 from 15 yards.  
Southern—L. G. Richards of Richmond, Va., 92 from 21 yards.  
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Pacific Coast—Charles Youm of Tulare, Cal., 93 from 15 yards.  
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### What? Get This! St. Louis

#### Cards Cut 6 Per Cent Melon

For the first time in five years the St. Louis Cardinals made money this year.

The club cleared about \$20,000, representing 6 per cent on the \$350,000 paid to Mrs. Britton last winter for the grounds, franchise and players. This turn in the tide was due to two reasons—the excellent showing of the Cardinals under Miller Huggins and the capable business management of Branch Rickey.

The St. Louis Browns, on the other hand, lost twice as much as the Cardinals earned. The Browns, led by Fielder Jones, narrowly escaped the cellar berth in the American league.

### Long Distance Speed Star

#### Enters Artillery Service

Abel Kiviat, one of America's most noted milers, has enlisted in the army. He joined the Thirtieth coast artillery at Fort Hamilton, N. Y., making one more from the ranks of sport to get into the fighting forces of Uncle Sam.

### California Seeks Clash

#### With Notre Dame Eleven

Andy Smith, head coach of the University of California, formerly foot ball coach at Purdue university, has been making overtures for a foot ball game with Notre Dame to be played in California in 1918. He would like to schedule a return game for 1919 with the South Bend eleven to be played in Chicago, it is said.

### TENNIS.

National—R. Lindley Murray.  
National Junior—Charles Garland.  
National Boy's—Vincent Richards.  
Women's National—Mary Browne.  
Court Tennis—Jay Gould.

### TRACK EVENTS.

100-yard dash, A. E. Ward.  
220-yard dash, A. E. Ward.  
440-yard dash, F. Shea.  
880-yard dash, M. Devaney.  
1,760-yard dash, J. W. Ray.  
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### FIELD EVENTS.

High Jump, C. Larson.  
Broad Jump, J. Irish.  
Pole vault, E. Knorr.  
Discus throw, A. Muck.  
Hammer throw, P. Ryan.  
Shot put, A. Muck.  
Javelin throw, G. Bronder.  
56-pound weight, P. Ryan.  
Hop, step and jump, D. Ahearne.

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Chess—Howard Ohman.  
Curling—Balmoral, team champions; Alec Melvin, individual champion.  
Fut Ball—Nonpareils.  
Golf—Sam Reynolds, Transmississippi champion; Guy Beckett, state champion; Jack Hughes, city champion.  
Hand Ball—C. G. Lion.  
Motorcycling—Otto Kerner.  
Pocket Billiards—Benny Owens.  
Soccer—Townsend.  
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